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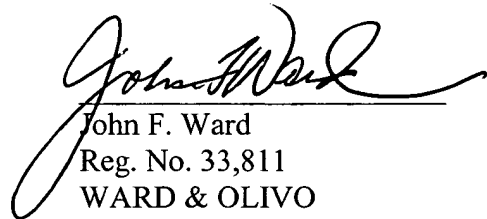
As discussed during the interview, Pagano et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,772,988 (“Pagano”) discloses a composition for a nail enamel. The art of creating a nail enamel is distinct from the art of creating an artificial nail composition. Nail enamels typically comprise a polymer dissolved in a solvent, whereby through the process of evaporation, the polymer temporarily adheres to the nail plate via hydrogen bonds typically for a period of approximately three days. In contrast, the artificial nail composition of the present invention utilizes monomers, which react in situ, forming polymers with the keratin of the nail plate. The covalent bonds formed with the nail plate result in adhesion lasting approximately three months. On this basis, we respectfully submit that Montgomery, U.S. Patent No. 5,098,696 (“Montgomery”) (dealing with artificial nail compositions), and Pagano (relating to nail enamels) are nonanalogous art, and thus the combination asserted by the Examiner should be reconsidered.

1 vinyl containing monomer at less than 20% by weight. Applicants have amended the claims and
2 the specification such that even if reliance on Pagano was appropriate, the claims as amended
3 now avoid Pagano and are in condition for allowance.

4 Applicant submits that claims 31-48 represent a novel and patentable contribution to the
5 art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is
6 respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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